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Access to Medical Education Program

The Access to Medical Education Program provides up to 80 seats at three participating medical schools to eligible Maine residents. Annually the program provides 20 new seats at a cost of \$100,000, and with renewals the commitment is \$400,000.

Application	From: Participating medical schools and the FAME website (www.famemaine.com).
Deadline	November 1 of the year prior to beginning medical school
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Maine resident• File FAFSA• Must be accepted at a participating medical school
Award Amount	None to the student. A seat fee of \$5,000 is paid directly to the medical school. This has no impact on the student's financial aid award.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participants are required to complete two (4-week) primary care rotations in the State of Maine – one consisting of not less than 50% outpatient care at a primary care residency program, and one in a health professional shortage area or at an ambulatory care site in rural Maine.• Participants are required to complete an annual report.• Participating medical schools are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dartmouth Medical School (5 seats)- University of New England of Osteopathic Medicine (5 seats); and- University of Vermont College of Medicine (10 seats)

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Health Professions Loan Program

The Health Professions Loan Program provides a renewable need-based loan of up to \$25,000/year for Maine residents pursuing post-graduate medical, dental, optometry or veterinary education. The loan has forgiveness provisions for graduates who return to Maine to practice primary care. The rate of forgiveness varies according to whether the borrower completes a Maine primary care residence and the location and nature of the primary care practice.

Application	February 1 Application mailed to Access Program applicants, participating Access Program schools and prior recipients. Also on FAME website (www.famemaine.com).
Deadline	May 30
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Maine resident• File FAFSA• Must attend a postgraduate allopathic or osteopathic medical school, dental school, optometry school, or school of veterinary medicine.
Award Amount	Up to \$25,000 for Access participants Up to \$10,000 for other eligible applicants
Note	90% of the loan fund is designated for medical students; 10% to students of optometry, dentistry and veterinary medicine.